(c) and (d) Wheelsets are being manufactured in the country by the Wheel & Axle Plant, Bangalore (WAP), and Durgapur Steel Plant, Durgapur (DSP). There are plans to increase the capacity as under by the end of the Eighth Plan:—

Unit	Annual level of supplies in terms of wheels	
	Present	After expansion
Wheel & Axle Plant	60,000	84,000
Durgapur Steel Plant	25,000	80,000

Employment cards for contract workers

1202. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a task force to strictly enforce the provision of employment cards by employers in the contract workers engaged by them;

(b) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken to enforce provision of employment cards; and

(c) by when it would be implemented throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 are generally enforced by various State Governments, except in establishments of the Central Government where these are enforced by the Chief Laobour Commissioner (Central), Ministry of Labour. The State Governments and Chief Labour Commissioner (C) have been advised to enforce the proper maintenance of records and Registers prescribed under Chapter VII of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules, 1971. They have also been advised to ensure that employment cards are issued by the employers to all workers and maintained properly as provided under Rule-76.

The enforcement of the provision of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 is reviewed on a regular basis and corrective action taken from time to time.

Timings of Fair Price Shops in Delhi

1203. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any timings for the functioning of Fair Price Shops and Kerosene Oil Shops have been fixed up in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of these timings;

(c) whether there exist any criteria to make surprise checks to ensure that prescribed timings are being observed by Fair Price Shops and SKO dealers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not; the reasons therefor; and

(e) how many such checks have been made circle-wise during January to July, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.
3.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Field Staff conduct checks at Fair Price Shops and SKO shops from time to time. Complaints from consumers are promptly attended to.

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Exploitation of Child Labour in Uttar Pradesh

1204. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150,000 children employed by carpet manufacturers in Bhadohi and Varanasi region of Uttar Pradesh are facing exploitation in terms of wages, hours of work and working conditions etc;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 2nd June, 1990 in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) Government is aware of the news item referred to. A report from the State Government of U.P. which is the appropriate Government in the matter is awaited.

Recommendations of the Committee on Industrial Relation Act

1205. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to advise/suggest changes in the Industrial Relations Act, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation, Education, Training and Employment of Disabled Persons

1206. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation covering the aspects of rehabilitation, education, training and employment of the disabled persons; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Non Deposits of Employees Share of PF by APPU GHAR

1207. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Management of APPU GHAR, in Exhibition ground, New Delhi has failed in depositing the amounts deducted from the wages of its employees with the Provident Fund Authority and Employees Insurance Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken under the new provisions of the Provident Fund Act?